## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

1. (Original) A core for providing communications between a transmission media and a processor in a parallel serial architecture, said core comprising:

serial lanes connecting said processor to said transmission media; and at least one selector connected to said serial lanes, whereby said selector selectively engages said serial lanes to alter a speed of data passing through said core.

- 2. (Original) The core in claim 1, further comprising a data controller for controlling an operation of said selector.
- 3. (Original) The core in claim 1, wherein said serial lanes include buffers for performing additional speed alteration of said data.
- 4. (Original) The core in claim 3, wherein said buffers comprise clastic first in, first out (FIFO) buffers.
- 5. (Currently Amended) The core in claim 1, wherein said selector comprises a multiplexor multiplexer.
- 6. (Original) The core in claim 1, wherein additional speed adjustment is attained by said selector engaging additional lanes.
- 7. (Original) The core in claim 1, wherein said transmission media operates at a different data speed than said processor.
- (Currently Amended) A parallel-serial communication system comprising: at least one processor;

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at least one transmission media connecting said at least one processor; and a core between each processor and said transmission media, said core providing communications between said transmission media and said processor, and said core comprising: serial lanes connecting said processor to said transmission media; and at least one selector connected to said serial lanes, whereby said selector selectively engages said serial lanes to alter a speed of data passing through said core.

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- (Original) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 8, further comprising a data 9. controller for controlling an operation of said selector.
- 10. (Original) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 8, wherein said scrial lanes include buffers for performing additional speed alteration of said data.
- 11. (Original) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 10, wherein said buffers comprise clastic first in, first out (FIFO) buffers.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 8, wherein said selector comprises a multiplexor multiplexer.
- 13. (Original) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 8, wherein additional speed adjustment is attained by said selector engaging additional lancs.
- 14. (Original) The parallel-serial communication system in claim 8, wherein said transmission media operates at a different data speed than said processor.
- 15. (Original) A core for providing communications between a transmission media and a processor in a byte stripped parallel scrial InfiniBand architecture, said core comprising: serial lanes connecting said processor to said transmission media; and

at least one selector connected to said serial lanes, whereby said selector selectively engages said serial lancs to alter a speed of data passing through said core.

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- (Original) The core in claim 15, further comprising a data controller for controlling an 16. operation of said selector.
- (Original) The core in claim 15, wherein said serial lanes include buffers for performing 17. additional speed alteration of said data.
- 18. (Original) The core in claim 17, wherein said buffers comprise elastic first in, first out (FIFO) buffers.
- 19. (Currently Amended) The core in claim 15, wherein said selector comprises a multiplexor multiplexer.
- 20. (Original) The core in claim 15, wherein additional speed adjustment is attained by said sclector engaging additional lanes.
- 21. (Original) The core in claim 15, wherein said transmission media operates at a different data speed than said processor.

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